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Suspect in Custody after Stabbing Roommate

Columbus Police are investigating what led a man to stab his roommate at the apartment they shared at 2307 Neil Avenue.

Officers responded to the address at approximately 1:49 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2017, after receiving calls of a woman covered in blood. Officers arrived and found the woman in front of 2296 Neil Avenue with a substantial stab wound to her neck. Officer Joseph Abdalla #1769 retrieved a first aid kit from his vehicle and provided lifesaving measures until medics arrived. Medics rushed the woman to the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Officers were advised the suspect was inside of 2307 Neil Avenue and attempted to locate the man when he suddenly ran from the residence, fleeing out of the rear door. An officer at the rear of the residence confronted the man at which point the officer fired his weapon at the suspect. The man was not struck and continued fleeing to a nearby field where he was taken into custody. The suspect was transported to the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in stable condition with cuts to his arms. The victim was later upgraded to stable condition.

It is unknown at this time why the man stabbed the victim. Investigators are interviewing another man who was inside the residence prior to the stabbing in hopes he can provide insight on what led to the attack.

The victim's name is being withheld pending family notification. The suspect has been identified but his name is being withheld pending charges. Two knives were recovered at the scene.

Officer Abdalla is not the shooting officer and will not be available for interviews during the ongoing investigation.

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